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LOCAL

# Bus accident adds lawsuit to list

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
City Editor

Another person has joined the list of lawsuits related to a May 30 double-decker bus accident that resulted in two deaths.

Eastern student Michael McKenna filed a lawsuit Tuesday against Lincoln Springs Resort, the Graywood Foundation and others, seeking damages for the accident.

According to the complaint, McKenna suffered mental and psychological injuries that resulted from the accident.

McKenna was a passenger on

the double-decker bus, provided by Lincoln Springs, when it drove underneath the Interstate 57 overpass bridge, killing former Eastern student Cameron Chana and Justin Sleezer, a Yorkville resident.

Chana and Sleezer died May 31 as a result from head injuries. The families of Chana and Sleezer filed similar lawsuits in October under the Wrongful Death Act.

All suits, including McKenna’s, allege negligence on the behalf of Lincoln Springs, the Graywood Foundaton, which insured the bus, the owner of Lincoln

Springs, and the bus driver.

McKenna’s complaint, as well as Chana’s and Sleezer’s, allege, among other things, that the driver failed to provide verbal warnings to passengers riding on the second level of the bus and failed to monitor the conduct of passengers on the second level.

The complaints also allege bus drivers of the double-decker bus service were not given proper and sufficient training. It also alleges that bus drivers were not adequately informed of bus routes and potential hazards of routes.

McKenna’s attorney, Terrence

Quinn, of Phillips Law Offices in Chicago, could not be reached for comment.

Previously, the attorney for Chana’s family said the discovery process could take two years to complete. A trial could not happen until that process takes place.

It’s unknown whether McKenna’s attorney will work in cooperation with the attorneys for Chana and Sleezer.

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CAMPUS

# Martin plans for fundraising

By Bob Bajek  
Associate News Editor

Vice President for University Advancement candidate Bob Martin said he has big plans for Eastern if he is chosen to replace Jill Nilsen.

Martin wants to implement an inclusive fundraising campaign with adding to academic scholarships to improve Eastern’s efficiency.

Martin is the third finalist to interview on campus.

An open session meeting was held for him Thursday in Booth Library, Room 4440.

## Fundraising key

Fundraising is a strong point for Martin, who led teams that raised \$200 million and \$608 million at University of Tennessee Chattanooga and Auburn University, respectively.

“We had a goal of \$500 million at Auburn,” said Martin, who is the assistant vice president for development at Auburn University. “Five years later, we had \$608 million. I was involved with the campaign from working with consultants to recruiting and training volunteers and volunteer advisory boards, to training staff and working with teams.”

Martin also said three different Auburn presidents served during this fundraising period, but it showed how a system of philanthropy in a university is stronger than one individual.

For UTC when Martin was assistant vice chancellor for development and director of major gifts, he helped surpass a \$20 million goal by raising \$34 million. He helped exceed expectations again on the UTC 21st Century campaign goal of \$300 million to \$434 million.

“Both places, it was about creating a culture of philanthropy and moving Auburn beyond

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UNIVERSITY



CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

With the rainy weather, construction on the renewable energy center has been slow this week. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. today on the site on 18th street and Edgar Drive.

# University ready for groundbreaking

By Sarah Ruholl  
Administration Editor

Golden shovels have been waiting to get in on the construction of the Renewable Energy Center since it began. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. today, two weeks after actual construction work began.

“It’s a celebration of a new building on campus,” Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said. “It’s a way to share with the community, both the campus and city, how excited we are to begin this project.”

Parking at the construction site is limited, so a shuttle bus will leave from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 3:20 p.m. to bring guests to the site at 18th Street and Edgar Drive. The shuttle will return guests immediately after the ceremony for a reception in the 1895 Room of the

Union.

Those scheduled to speak at the ceremony include state Sen. Dale Righter; state Rep. Chapin Rose; Bill O’Rourke, chair of the Board of Trustees; Eric Wilbur, student representative and President Bill Perry. A representative from Honeywell International Inc. is also expected to speak.

After their remarks, the golden shovels will get their chance.

“Following the speakers, they’ll put a shovel in the ground,” Nilsen said.

Weather conditions will keep the ceremony brief and guests eager to reach the warmth of the reception.

“It’s wet out there,” Nilsen said. “It will be fairly brief as a ceremony.”

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## BOT to vote on TV equipment

### Staff Report

The Board of Trustees will call their meeting to order at 11 a.m. today and immediately enter an executive session.

The regular meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The purchase of \$732,643.40 worth of television equipment for WEIU is up for approval. A grant from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program will cover about 75 percent of the cost.

The approval of up to \$700,000 in licensing and maintenance costs for Oracle database and application server software is expected. The contract, to be used for financial record keeping, instruction in two degree programs and various

administrative tasks, will be effective for four and a half years, beginning Jan. 1.

The final purchase approval is a contract for consultation on the campus master plan. The \$274,115 contract includes assistance in designing and developing a sustainable master plan for the university.

Other action items for the meeting include a first reading of proposed revisions to the Board Governing Policy concerning academic freedom and the naming of university property, to be presented at the meeting by addendum.

Several reports, including the president’s report and summer/fall enrollment report, will round out the meeting.

UNIVERSITY

# Six finalists named for Dean

### Staff Report

Six finalists have been named for the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities position.

Among them is Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College at Eastern.

On-campus interviews for the finalists begin Nov. 30.

Up first is Marilyn Levine, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Oregon University in LaGrange, Ore. on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Levine was trained as a historian of Asia and has graduate degrees from the University of Chicago and the University of Hawaii, according to EOU’s Web site. She has published two books, more than four-dozen articles and created a dozen Web sites for research, teaching, professional and community service.

She has obtained and administered more than three-dozen grants to fund research, teaching, and community projects.

Steven Brown, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, page 6



WEATHER TODAY



Partly Sunny

HIGH  
55°

LOW  
38°

The rain showers have since moved off, just some patches of fog this morning. The fog should break by this afternoon, leaving partly sunny skies for much of the day. Partly sunny skies will continue through the weekend, with temperatures in the mid 50's. Our next real chance of rain comes next week on Tuesday.

WEATHER TOMORROW



**Saturday**  
**Partly Sunny**  
**High:** 57°  
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**Sunday**  
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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Sig' Pis raising money

Delta Sigma Pi will have a bake sale fundraiser in Coleman Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. All baked goods will cost \$1. Delta Sigma Pi will be in the northeast and southeast hallways. There will be puppy chow, muffins, cookies of all sorts, brownies and more.

Baking cookies

The School of Continuing Education will host a cookie baking class from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30 at Klehm Hall, room 1411. The class costs \$40. Eight types of dough will be made for holiday cookies. This cooking class will be a team effort; at the end of the evening, participants have eight types of holiday cookies ready to take home, freeze and bake. The class will be taught by Kathy Rhodes from Eastern's School of Family and Consumer Sciences. For information and/or to register for the class, contact the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114.

Navajos explain family history, culture

Three generations of a Navajo family will discuss the changes in family dynamics and issues of living in two cultures during "The Navajo Family Way" at 10 a.m. Dec. 1 at the Tarble Arts Center.

— *Compiled by Associate News Editor Bob Bajek*

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Ceduxion Carrington dances in the spotlight at the 7th annual Diva Drag Show, hosted by EIU Pride, Monday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. To see more detail shots from the show go to DENnews.com.



Common stereotypes

Students around campus give their viewpoints on stereotypes. Find out, according to students, which are the most common stereotypes and whether or not they think stereotypes are a good or bad thing by watching this video at DENnews.com.



Geography Awareness Week fun

What did Miss Teen South Carolina say about geography? This and actual academic geography is explained in staff reporter Megan Tkacy's story.



Thanksgiving thoughts

Nicole Greenwood asks the campus community what everyone thinks about Thanksgiving break.



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## CAMPUS

# Great American Smokeout inspires students on campus to kick butts

## 36 sign petition for smoke-free campus

By Jennifer Meyers  
Staff Reporter

The Health Education Resource Center provided students the opportunity to give their lungs a rest at its Great American Smokeout.

Students, faculty and staff received information on being tobacco free and were given free quit kits and hot chocolate. Brad Tribble, alcohol and tobacco education coordinator, was on the South Quad to help encourage those around to take part.

"This program is to encourage people to quit smoking for one day, thinking that if you make it through one day that will lead to two days. It's kind of like a snowball effect," Tribble said.

While several students and faculty members walked past and observed the event, building services worker Von Planket gave his reason on why he stopped smoking.

"When I began my journey to stop smoking, I just went cold turkey," Planket said. "One of the main reasons why I stopped smoking was I got tired of trying to hide my habit from my daughter."

The 2008 smoking survey on campus reported 20 percent of Eastern students smoke. While some smokers don't think that the smokeout would be beneficial, non-smokers, such as Justin Washington, a communications studies major, had a different opinion.

"I think the smokeout is a pretty good idea because I have been around smokers for a pretty long time," Washington said. "I do think that it will benefit the campus to go smoke-free, but the smokers would be the only one who would really take notice."

Washington said he does feel that Eastern, in the long run, would be gaining more rather than losing. Tribble handed out his "quit kits" to those willing to at least try and quit smoking.

"So far we have handed out over a dozen quit kit, so there is at least a dozen people out there, willing to quit smoking," Tribble said. "The kit in-



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Lisa Carlson, a sophomore elementary education major, signs a petition to make Eastern a smoke-free campus at the booth for The Great American Smokeout on the South Quad. The booth gave out a "quit kit" with the words "It's Time to Kick Ash" posted on the kit to students.

cludes a great variety of things, such as gum, suckers, rubber bands, toothpicks, stress ball and an information packet with steps to stop smoking."

A petition to request a smoke-free campus was also available for people to sign. With more than three dozen signatures, Tribble felt that he got through to some people.

"It's up to the people to want to quit," Tribble said. "If you don't want

to quit, then you won't. Sometimes all it takes is just one person to persuade someone else. Then that person goes and persuades another person."

If students want to quit smoking, they can contact the Health Education Resource Center he said.

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**"So far we have handed out over a dozen quit kits, so there is at least a dozen people out there, willing to quit smoking."**

Brad Tribble, alcohol and tobacco education coordinator

## CITY

# 11 citations issued for selling tobacco to minors

By Jason Hardimon  
Staff Reporter

Eleven of Charleston's 19 tobacco retailers were issued citations following a state grant funded tobacco compliance detail conducted by the Charleston Police Department Monday.

A minor was sent into all local retailers to purchase a tobacco product under police supervision.

Retailers found to be in violation of the city ordinance included: Huck's, Mike and Stan's, Indio Cigar Factory, Lefty's Holler, Murphy's USA, Citgo, Discount Smoke Shop, The Panther Paw, Gateway Liquor, County Market

**"Technically company policy states that if anyone looks under 40 we're supposed to card them."**

Sarah Stoecker, Walgreen's assistant manager

and Marathon/Mach 1.

"I was expecting one or two, but certainly not 11," said Deputy Chief Dave Chambers.

Those not in compliance with the state's tobacco policy were issued citations, which will likely result in a fine totaling \$300.

"Any time that you've got a product that the sale of which is restricted, you've got to check up on whether businesses are complying with these restrictions," Chambers said.

Wal-Mart and Walgreen's were among the eight local retailers who passed the compliance detail.

"All associates go through an annual training program to make sure that they're up to date on state laws and policies pertaining to the retail industry," said Jennifer Thomas, assistant manager at Wal-Mart. "We're very happy that we passed the check, and we're proud to be among business's in Charleston who are upholding the law."

Walgreen's has a similar policy.

"Technically, company policy states that if anyone looks under 40 we're supposed to card them," said Sarah Stoecker, assistant manager at Walgreen's. "And employees are required to pass a computerized test to verify

that they are familiar with company and state policies."

County Market and Gateway Liquor declined to comment.

Chambers said there are two more rounds of checks to do before spring.

"My message to those retailers (in violation), and to the college students who work for them, is that you've simply got to check IDs, and not just glance at them, but actually take the time to check the date of birth," he said.

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VIEWS



Sam Sottosanto

Carpe diem and shop early for holidays

I am so excited because today’s Friday. I am going to hop in my car, drive the three hours up north to my parents’ house and immediately start my holiday shopping, since I’ve got a whole week of no class or work.

But holiday shopping over break is not only a good idea for me, but for many students in general.

Thanksgiving break is the perfect opportunity to look for gifts for whatever holiday students are celebrating this December. They have a week off school; they don’t have to worry about getting any projects or assignments in (at least at beginning of break).

I understand that some students go back home to work, and may not have as much time to go shopping, but if they do get the chance, I think they should take it.

Because, really, if they don’t start now, when will they?

There are only three more weeks left of the semester after break, and I can almost guarantee that for most students it’s going to be pretty hectic, what with final exams and last-minute projects and assignments.

Not to mention if they’ve got an on-campus job or a registered student organization or volunteer group they are involved in.

Even if they decide to shop online, they need to take into consideration that things do not always arrive on time. In fact, things might arrive late, or even broken, depending on what gift is ordered.

Another advantage of early shopping is the potential for stress relief.

Once it’s done, it’s done. No more worries.

Plus, at the beginning of Thanksgiving break all the way up until Nov. 25, the stores are not going to be as crowded as they will be later.

December is the busiest shopping month of the year. So if students shop during break, they may be able to skip out on long lines.

And in my opinion, it can get pretty annoying if you’re in a hurry and you can’t get through because the crowd in front of you is moving slow. And nobody likes waiting until the last minute, having only one or two items left to buy.

Though one reason I know a lot of people will hesitate to shop early is because they think they are missing out on sales.

While there are a lot of popular sales closer to the holidays, other sales not advertised in magazines get overlooked.

Also, if you decide to buy a gift, keep your receipt. Some stores will allow you to come back when the item you purchased is on sale and they can give you an adjustment.

So, if you’re a student who is going to have time this Thanksgiving break, I would strongly suggest to start your holiday shopping early.

Not only that but have fun with it, too. Find a close friend or family member to go with.

If you can’t find anyone to shop with, it can still be fun by yourself.

Just remember to keep a positive attitude and think to yourself that if you get all your shopping done, you won’t have to worry about it anymore.

December is a pretty crazy month. Just remember that shopping early can be a way to lessen the load just a little bit.

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Thanksgiving break grants reprieve but don’t lose sight

“Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way...” No, it’s not Christmas yet, as many retail stores would have you believe.

Wreaths, stockings and lights are already hung for sale at locations like County Market and Walgreen’s. Wal-Mart even has a section of its store labeled “Christmas Shop.”

But that holiday is still more than a month away, and frankly, it can wait.

Today marks the start of a holiday vacation that most people here are in dire need of: Thanksgiving break.

Following the infinitesimal “fall break” and the trepidation of midterms, this break couldn’t come at a better time for students and faculty alike. Lately, students have been furiously working on papers, projects and the like, trying to stay afloat until the semester’s completion in December. For some, that time just means another, larger break. But for others it marks graduation — their transition into the real world.

Starting today, Eastern will once again see a mass exodus of students back to wherever they call home, and we wish you the best holiday possible spent with both family and friends.

We should also feel a little luckier with our allotted break schedule. It wasn’t always this long. Fifteen years ago in November 1994, Eastern changed its Thanksgiving break to a week long affair, rather than holding classes for a couple days that week. At least that’s one thing to give thanks for, right?

So while we’ve all got this week off, make sure you spend it wisely, acting benevolent and cheerful to all others. After all, it is part the American tradition of Thanksgiving.

No doubt, many students have already ditched town for the break by now. But take heed of some of these holiday tips.

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**Drive safe**

This break, for many, means seeing a lot of old friends who are also fleeing their own schools for the festival of turkey consumption. This doesn’t mean the idiot in you can take the wheel to get home as quick as humanly possible: Slow down and drive responsibly; the roads will probably be busy as so many others make their respective pilgrimage to the homeland.

**Stay smart**

This should be a no-brainer. We all know about Black Wednesday, the night before Thanksgiving, a night in which young people go out and indulge in alcoholic beverages. No one wants to spend that night in jail. To be safe, don’t drive around after having even one drink. Some areas will likely see police road blocks set up to bust those drunk drivers (and they will). It’s not a story you’ll want to share with your family the next day over turkey and yams. Plus, nobody wants his stomach doing back flips while trying to gorge on the feast.

**Stay productive**

Students, especially seniors, should take advantage of this week off to spend time putting together your resume, applying for jobs and staying on top of those pesky final homework assignments. Just because you are not physically at school does not mean it won’t creep up on you later on. Don’t get lazy just yet, before you know it, the break will be over and you’ll be back in Charleston sitting in your beloved classrooms once again.

So, when you are home, shopping for holiday gifts and hear the familiar lyrics “Santa Claus is coming to town,” try not to lose sight of what this Thanksgiving stands for. Enjoy your time with your family, make good decisions and be safe.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Musical revue aims to help those in need

Audience asked to bring canned goods for local pantry

By Heather Holm  
Staff Reporter

The musical revue “G.I. Jukebox” will bring audience members back to a 1940s feel in more ways than one this weekend.

The Central Illinois Stage Company and Eastern’s Student Community Service department are encouraging audience members to bring any non-perishable food to the revue as part of Eastern’s “30 Days of Change: EIU Fights Hunger” food drive. This is reminiscent of the war effort during World War II, since the revue is a call-back to a 1940s United Service Organization show.

“G.I. Jukebox” is a musical revue that is light on dialogue and filled with a wide range of musical numbers.

In the show, Hollywood stars have traveled to sing for some of the allied forces. Director Scott Brooks said he chose to direct the show because the music of the 1940s is really popular nowadays.

“I would say people of any older generation would appreciate the music more than a younger crowd, but the younger crowd will still recognize the songs,” he said.

An array of songs will be performed, including “I’ll be Seeing

You,” “Moonlight Serenade,” “Opus One,” “Jukebox Saturday Night,” “In the Mood” and more.

The cast consists of Rachael Sapp, Casey Higgins, Kim Higgins, Tom Hawk, Vicki Christy, Dave Shunk and Michael Ve. Sapp liked the musical revue because it was different and because she likes 1930s and 1940s “big band” music.

“Mostly people do not hear of USO shows,” she said. “I’d never heard of one, and I thought it would be fun to be in one.”

She thinks the show is timely because of its war-like aspect, which Brooks agrees with.

“We will recognize any audience members that are either veterans or active duty,” Brooks said.

The food collected goes to the Charleston Food Pantry, which is open to anyone.

“We especially need the food now (in the winter months) because with electric bills, people have to pay higher for heat and have less money to pay for food,” Fisher said.

Fisher thinks this gives members of the community an opportunity to help each other out.

The “30 Days of Change” campaign was created to provide students at Eastern with an educational event or activity that connects to fighting hunger through education and change.

Fisher also said how 30 percent of citizens in Illinois are below the poverty line and how one out of seven children go hungry every day.



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Rachael Sapp (Ivy Majors), Kim Higgins (Rose Donahue), and Casey Higgins(Louise Gillmore) sing during the opening act of the "G.I. Jukebox: A 1940s Musical Revue" on Thursday night at the Praise Assembly of God.

Sapp understands the importance of the cause as well.

“I am pitching in by helping my local pantry in Tuscola,” Sapp said.

The revue started Thursday night and will continue Friday and Saturday, with a final show at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Praise Assembly of God in Charleston.

Tickets are on sale for \$10 per person.

Heather Holm can be reached at 581-7942 or haholm@eiu.edu.

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just showing up to football games on Saturday,” Martin said.

Martin said philanthropy would improve if there would be a focus on increasing young alumni donation levels by changing the culture of philanthropy. He said recent graduates should to be encouraged to give something back, even if it is change from beer money.

However, even small gift giving can make a difference, he said.

“I talked to Greeks and Student Government at UTC in how they could raise money,” Martin said. “Each year, the students started funding an annual giving scholarship, and they gave away four annual \$1,000 scholarships my last year there. So by giving change and dollars and nickels, we were able to gain graduates of the last decade.”

At Auburn, Martin said the school was last place in fundraising in the Southeastern conference at 9 percent faculty and staff donations, so he started a faculty/staff campaign.

“We did OK and improved to 40

percent in one year,” he said. “We were lacking with support from athletics, so I recruited the equestrian coach. His girls started practice with the excuse of 100 percent of them giving him envelopes saying, ‘We can do this. Why can’t you do this?’”

The next two years faculty and staff participation increased to 50 and 70 percent, respectively. Martin said that number is unheard of for faculty and staff donations and raised \$5 million.

Increasing scholarships

Besides fundraising, Martin thinks he can improve student recruitment. He wants to get academically talented students more incentives to come here.

“It’s the same way as recruiting top athletes, you have to offer the scholarships that attracts them to the university,” Martin said. “I think if we make an initiative for undergraduate scholarships to provide those high SAT score, GPA students who will be the producers, making the university (nationally

recognized), you have to provide them with the financial incentives to come here.”

He said bringing in the top students would help raise Eastern and make it desirable destination for top faculty.

On capital projects, Martin said he would get priorities from the deans about what buildings have the biggest needs, so Martin could then organize each department and the EIU Foundation to help gain donations.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and President Bill Perry approve the plans and figure out what the state could give.

Meeting questions

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, asked Martin what his experience was in legislative lobbying. Martin responded with pointing out he got UTC a new \$45 million engineering building.

He got \$35 million from Tennessee, but he had to come up with \$10 mil-

lion in two years.

“This group (engineering alums) was raising less then a half million a year, sometimes only \$100,000,” Martin said. “We did it.”

Patti Stratton, EIU Foundation executive officer, asked Martin how well he works with foundations since university advancement and the foundation are symbiotic.

He replied that he actively served on committees with foundations and helped hire senior development officers.

Karla Evans, executive director of philanthropy, inquired about Martin’s hiring philosophy of major gift officers.

Martin said he looks into internal and external officers. He bases them off the deans’ preference of pay level. If they could pay more, Martin looks for people with sales experience.

Less experienced fundraisers would go through extensive training.



Bob Martin said “It’s the same way as recruiting top athletes, you have to offer the scholarships that attracts them to the university.”

Search ending

Before working in academia, he was district vice president for YMCA of Florida’s First Coast for 18 years helping secure capital projects. Martin received his bachelor’s degree in political science from Lipscomb University and his master’s degree in philanthropy and development at St. Mary’s University of Minnesota. The final candidate, Keith Carver from University of Tennessee Martin, will be interviewed Nov. 30 in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Nilsen retires Dec. 31.

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Arts and Sciences at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan. will be on-campus on Dec. 3 and 4.

Steven Brown has a doctor of philosophy from North Texas State University, and bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music education from Arkansas State University. Brown has served as consultant for department of music at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma.

Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M in Corpus Christi, Texas will visit Dec. 7 and 8.

Mermann-Jozwiak has a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master’s degree from the University of Cologne, Germany.

She is also a professor of English.

Irwin’s interview is scheduled for Dec. 10 and 11.

Irwin has a doctorate in comparative literature from the University of California-Berkeley. She has written publications dealing with higher education honors issues that have appeared in the Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council. Irwin

is also a professor of English and has been at the university since 1994.

Elizabeth Dunn, interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn., will visit Dec. 14 and 15.

Dunn has been a member of BSU’s faculty since 1999, when she joined the University as an assistant professor in the history department, according to BSU’s university’s Web site.

She was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and was the interim chair of the Department of History in 2003-04. Dunn also has been

the director of Bemidji State’s Center for Professional Development since 2005.

Dunn also co-chairs BSU’s 10-Year Higher Learning Commission Self Study for University Re-accreditation.

Roger Smitter, executive director of the National Communication Association in Washington, D.C., from 2004-2009 interviews on-campus Dec. 16 and 17.

The NCA is the largest national organization dedicated to communication. Researchers, educators and pro-

fessionals work to understand and better all forms of human communication, according to NCA’s Web site. Through publications, resources, conferences, conventions and services, NCA contributes to the greater good of education and society.

The campus schedules and an abbreviated vita will be available on the College of Arts and Humanities Web site Tuesday, Nov. 24. The campus community, especially the faculty and staff of the College of Arts and Humanities, are invited to attend the interview sessions.

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GOVERNMENT

Pentagon looking for Fort Hood management lapses

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Thursday it will scour its procedures for identifying volatile soldiers hidden in the ranks following the Fort Hood shooting rampage and lapses that might allow others to slip through bureaucratic cracks.

“It is prudent to determine immediately whether there are internal weaknesses or procedural shortcomings in the department that could make us vulnerable in the future,” Defense Secretary Robert Gates said.

A 45-day emergency investigation will examine personnel, medical, mental health, discharge and other policies in all corners of the vast Defense Department. It will also look at ways to improve security and emergency response at Defense Department facilities.

“The shootings at Fort Hood raise a number of troubling questions that demand complete but prompt answers,” Gates told a Pentagon news conference.

The quick review will be led by two former Pentagon officials, former Army Secretary Togo West and former Navy chief Vernon Clark.

A longer, second review lasting about six months will look at what Gates called “systemic institutional shortcomings.” Gates, who has fired several top officials in three years heading the Pentagon, did not address any possible consequences of the inquiries he announced Thursday.

Gates broached little new information about the case of Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people and wounding more than 30 in the shootings at the Texas military post on Nov. 5.

Gates called it disturbing that Hasan has e-mail contact with a radical cleric in Yemen, but stressed that his review is separate from the criminal investigation into Hasan and should not be interpreted as a fingerprinting exercise against Muslims or anyone else.

“The shootings at Fort Hood raise a number of troubling questions that demand complete but prompt answers.”

Robert Gates, defense secretary

Investigators have said e-mails between Hasan and the imam, Anwar al-Awlaki, did not advocate or threaten violence. After the shootings, al-Awlaki’s Web site praised Hasan as a hero.

Both Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the chief goal of the Pentagon probe is preventing another such attack and improving future responses by disaster teams.

West was Army secretary in the mid-1990s and later became secretary of veterans affairs. Clark was the chief of naval operations from 2000 to 2005.

In 2007, Gates named West co-chairman of a panel created to review rehabilitation care problems at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

In 1995, as President Bill Clinton’s Army Secretary, West ordered a review of the Army’s racial climate, including whether there were ties between extremist groups and members of the military. The investigation was prompted by the arrests of two paratroopers in connection with the murders of two black people and concerns that the two men may have had ties

to white supremacist groups.

Gates would not comment Thursday on whether he considers the Fort Hood attack a terrorist act. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., told a Senate hearing that he does, and urged a government investigation “to learn whether the federal government could have acted in a way that would have prevented these murders from occurring.”

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, questioned whether the government failed to connect dots about Hasan.

“We must better understand why law enforcement, intelligence agencies and our military personnel system may have failed in this case,” Collins said.

A joint terrorism task force overseen by the FBI learned late last year of Hasan’s repeated contact with al-Awlaki, who encouraged Muslims to kill U.S. troops in Iraq. The FBI said the task force did not refer early information about Hasan to superiors because it concluded he wasn’t linked to terrorism.

POLITICS

Republicans blast ‘bait and switch’ health bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Digging in for a long struggle, Republican senators and governors assailed the Democrats’ newly minted health care legislation Thursday as a collection of tax increases, Medicare cuts and heavy new burdens for deficit-ridden states.

Despite the criticism, there were growing indications Democrats would prevail on an initial Senate showdown set for Saturday night, and Majority Leader Harry Reid crisply rebutted the Republican charges. The bill “will save lives, save money and save Medicare,” he said.

The legislation is designed to answer President Barack Obama’s call to expand coverage, end industry practices such as denying coverage on the ba-

sis of pre-existing medical conditions, and restrain the growth of health care spending.

Republicans saw little to like.

“It makes no sense at all and affronts common sense,” said Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, one of several Republicans to criticize the measure. He added that a plan to expand Medicaid, the state-federal program for the poor, was a “bait and switch” with states as the victims.

GOP governors, meeting in Texas, agreed. “We all know a sucker play when we see one,” said Mitch Daniels of Indiana. The bill would expand the Medicaid program, which provides health care for the poor, and leave the states with part of the additional cost beginning after three years.

In the Capitol, Reid answered Re-

publican delaying tactics with an initial test vote set for Saturday evening. A 60-vote majority is required to advance the bill toward full debate, expected to begin after Thanksgiving.

Counting two independents, Democrats control 60 Senate seats. Three moderate Democrats have been cagey about their intentions, although none of them has announced a plan to defect. Officials disclosed during the day that Reid had included in the bill a political sweetener for one of the three, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, in the form of \$100 million to help her state cover health care costs for the poor.

While the struggle was forming, there were limits. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., backed off his threat to force the 2,074-page bill to be read aloud

in the Senate chamber, a move that would have eaten into the Senate’s Thanksgiving-week vacation.

Given the political stakes, there was disagreement even about the bill’s cost.

Democrats put the price tag of the 2,074-page measure at \$979 billion, higher than the \$849 billion figure they had cited Wednesday as the cost of expanding coverage to 31 million who now lack insurance. Republicans calculated it at more like \$1.5 trillion over a decade, and said even that was understated because Reid decided to delay implementation of some of the bill’s main features until 2014.

Officially, the Congressional Budget Office said the measure would reduce deficits by \$130 billion over

the next decade with probable small reductions in the 10 years that follow — forecasts that cheered rank-and-file Democrats. Among the cost-cutting provisions would be creation of an Independent Medicare Advisory Board which could be required to recommend steps limiting the growth of the program that provides health care to millions of seniors. The recommendations would go into effect automatically unless Congress blocked them.

CBO Director Douglas Elmendorf has said previously that type of arrangement would be one of the most potent weapons Congress would have to restrain the growth of Medicare, a fast-expanding program supported in part by a trust fund that is dwindling.

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FOOTBALL

# Tigers' defense shuts down Panthers

## Eastern finishes with less than 100 rushing yards

By Dan Cusack  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern football team came into Thursday's game against Tennessee State with aspirations of an outright Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

The Tigers defense had other plans.

Tennessee State limited the No. 13 Panthers to 10 points, 245 yards of total offense and forced four Eastern turnovers in the 21-10 loss at O'Brien Field.

"We knew they were going to shift a lot," Tennessee State sophomore linebacker Rico Council said. "We knew they were going to try to stick it to us with the outside and inside zone. We see that everyday in practice so we knew what we were doing and we were able to stop it."

The Panthers were held to 96 rushing yards on the night, with 28 rushing yards coming from scrambles by Eastern senior quarterback Jake Christensen.

Junior running back Mon Williams led the team with 39 rushing yards.

After scoring 49 points against Tennessee Martin last week, the Panthers were limited to one second half touchdown when junior wide receiver Charles Graves scored with 10

minutes, 11 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

"Their defense was really outstanding," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said. "Their team did a great job. Their coaches did a great job. The whole works."

Council said the key to the Tigers defense was limiting the Panthers rushing attack.

"We stopped the run," Council said. "We stopped the run. That's key. Once you stop the run there's not a lot of things teams can do to you."

The game was low scoring in the first half as the only score came on a field goal by senior kicker Austin Signor with 2:23 remaining in the second quarter.

In the second half, the Tigers were

able to score three times to put the game away.

After Christensen's best game of the season last week when he threw for 322 yards on 18-of-21 passing with four touchdowns, he had trouble finding receivers finishing 12-of-32 with three interceptions against the Tigers.

Senior cornerback Ty'Ron Johnson led the Tigers with five tackles and picked two of Christensen's passes. Council wrestled the ball away from an Eastern receiver late in the fourth quarter to crush the Panthers' comeback and give the Tigers the ball back with 6:31 remaining in the game.

"Our passing game was woeful today for the most part," Spoo said. "They came after us. I don't think we protected well. (Christensen) had to

scramble a number of times. They outplayed us. That happens."

After the game, Tennessee State coach James Webster announced to his team at the 50-yard line of O'Brien Stadium that he was resigning as head coach of Tennessee State. He said it was a tough decision because this is a young team that has so much talent.

"(The players took the announcement) hard," Webster said. "(The kids) played hard tonight. They played hard all year we just had some things happen that we did not have control of. That happened to us all year. They're a good football team, They're a young football team."

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## DESTINY, from page 12

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said he hopes the committee would look at the team's success throughout the season when determining if they get a shot but wouldn't speculate on the chances.

But none of that matters if the Gamecocks take care of business Saturday.

While the Panthers might initially hang their heads over a demoralizing, Senior Night loss. But they have to take solace in the fact that the loss doesn't end their season.

"It's unfortunate," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said. "We had our destiny in our own hands and we couldn't make the plays to win the game tonight. Now we've got to let

the chips fall where they may."

The odds are with the Gamecocks Saturday. Jacksonville State's only conference loss this season is to the Panthers. They have the most dominant offense in the OVC and will be playing at home, in Jacksonville, Ala., on their Senior Day.

Of course, that story seems all too familiar.

Panther fans can expect the Gamecocks to save the Panthers' season. It's expected to happen.

But as Thursday night proved, expectations don't always pan out.

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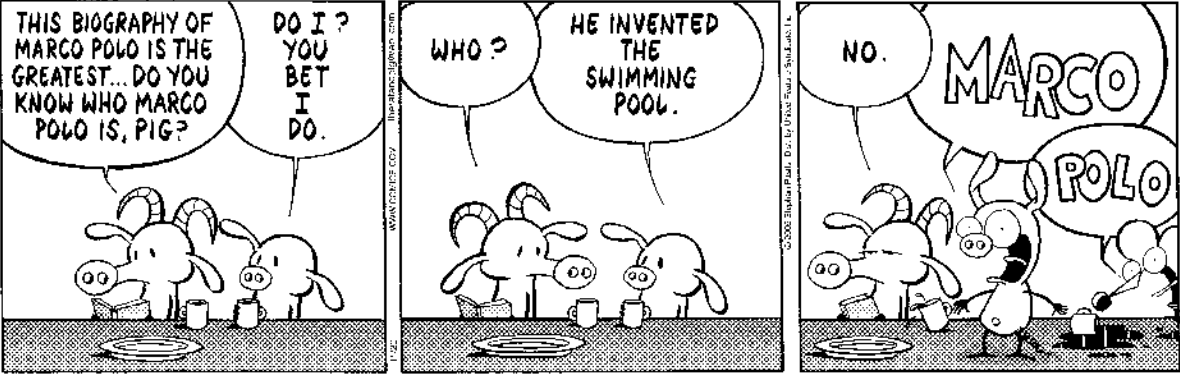


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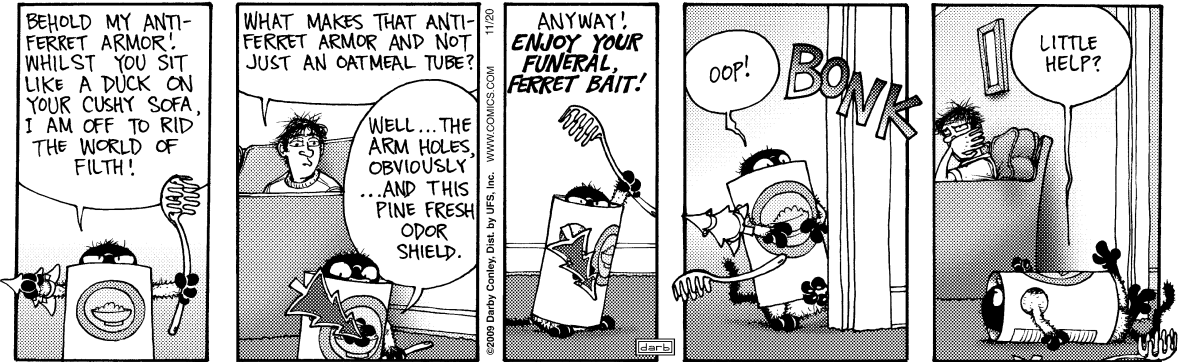
Senior quarterback Jake Christensen attempts to run the ball during the game against Tennessee State Thursday at O'Brien Field.

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SWIMMING AT SAINT LOUIS

# Road test begins against Billikens

Panthers travel for first time this season

By Kevin Maras  
Staff Reporter

With no competitions in the past three weeks, the Eastern men and women's swimming teams are ready to get back into the pool at 6 p.m. today as they take on Saint Louis at Simon Recreation Center in St. Louis.

The swim team's last meet was scheduled against Western Illinois on Nov. 7, but was canceled because of the death of women's basketball assistant coach Jackie Moore.

The Panthers haven't had a meet since their Oct. 31 dual meet loss to the Illinois-Chicago.

The men lost 152-108 and the women lost 138-121 in that meet putting the men at a 1-1 record with the women at 0-2.

With a lot of rest and training under their belt during the last few weeks, both the men and women swim squads are hungry for a win.

"We're really excited about this meet in St. Louis," said freshman backstroke specialist Chacour Koop. "It's our first road meet, and hopefully we'll be successful and do really well."

The Billikens will not be a push-over however. Saint Louis is abundant with youth as they have 17 freshmen.

The women's roster is made up of 24 athletes, while the men have 23

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Chacour Koop, freshman backstroke specialist

on the team.

Billikens' head swim coach Jim Halliburton has led the women's swim squad in the right direction so far this season as the women are 6-2.

The men, who are only 1-4 on the early season.

However, they are still a threat as junior Michael Dahle notched three first-place finishes in the Billikens' Oct. 30 meet at Western Illinois in Macomb.

Dahle posted a 1-minute, 58.64 second-mark in the 200-yard backstroke, and is one of Billiken's strongest swimmers.

For the women, freshman Taylor Streid will be someone to look out for as she had three first place finishes to lead all rookies on her squad at Saint Louis's meet at Washington including the 100-yard fly, 200-yard



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Freshman Micheal Lacine competes in the 100-yard backstroke during the Oct. 31 meet against Illinois-Chicago in the Ray Padovan Pool.

fly and 500-yard freestyle.

After the meet in St. Louis, the Panthers will have a little time off.

Their next meet is scheduled for

Dec. 4 at Ball State in Muncie, Ind.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

# Baseball signs seven

Eastern baseball head coach Jim Schmitz announced Monday the signing of a seven-player recruiting class.

The pitchers among the class are right-handers Luke Bushur from Teutopolis and Ryan Hartman from Mount Zion, and left-handers Christian Slaznik from St. Louis' St. John Vianney and Darin Worman from Dietrich by way of Parkland College.

The first basemen are Matt Kaiser from Roselle's Lake Park and T.J. McManus from Glenbrook South and Parkland College. Jacob Reese is the catcher and comes to the program from Chatham-Glenwood.

## Prep signs with men's tennis

Eastern men's tennis head coach John Blackburn announced the signing of Naperville Central's Kevin Bauman to a National Letter of Intent Thursday.

## Sallee signs five

As the Eastern women's basketball team kicked off the 2009-10 season with a bunch of fresh faces, head coach Brady Sallee has announced the signing of five others for next year.

The five-player class include: Britany Cochran from Chicago Bogan, Jordyne Crunk from Belleville Althoff Catholic, Jackie Herman from Wilmot Union in Twin Lakes, Wis., Taryn Olson from Madison Memorial in Madison, Wis., and Jessica Parker from Bloomington South in Bloomington, Ind.

— Compiled by Sports Editor Collin Whitchurch

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# GOT ADS?



CONSOLATION, from page 12

Rebounding was a big problem for the Panthers, according to Thomas, as they gave up 59 total rebounds against Ohio State, in their first game.

“We boxed out against Ohio State, but we didn’t push them out. I think that’s really where we struggled the most,” Thomas said.

The Panthers also struggled at the free throw line, making less than half of their attempts, and from the field, with an overall shooting percentage of 40 percent. In order to win, Sallee said both of these numbers will have to improve.

“We missed nine free throws against Ohio State, which is not something a good basketball team does,” Sallee said. “We’ve got to step up there and concentrate more and knock those down when we get those opportunities.”

Also, Sallee said the team lacked good decision-making when it came to shot selection. In fact, the Panthers’ five starters combined to shoot 15-for-39, from the field.

Setting aside their issues, Sallee said the team gained something positive from this week at practice while look-

ing at the previous game’s film.

“The good news is that there wasn’t anything that we broke down on against Ohio State that we don’t know better,” Sallee said. “We watched that film, and I didn’t have to coach them because they knew exactly what they did wrong.”

Now, Sallee said the team has the answers to their problems, but that having the solutions and taking care of business are two completely different things.

“If we come out of the UTEP game knowing that we did a good job on the boards and took care of the ball, then I like our chances,” Sallee said.

After the UTEP game, the Panthers will play in a second game this weekend.

Northern Colorado (0-1) and Arkansas-Little Rock (0-1) play Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Friday’s losers and winners match-up Saturday at 4:30 and 7 p.m., respectively.

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Sophomore guard Madeline Kish looks for someone to inbound the ball to during practice on Nov. 2 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers are 1-0 this season.

MEN’S BASKETBALL VS. EUREKA, SATURDAY, 7 P.M.

Back to basics for Panthers

Transition offense key task for squad

By Neil Schneider  
Staff Reporter

Coming off a close 69-66 loss against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis Wednesday, Mike Miller, Eastern’s head basketball coach, believes that for the Panthers to be successful in Saturday’s game against Eureka College, they will need to get back to the basics.

“Particularly early in the year we try to focus on defense and rebounding,” Miller said. “We need to do a good job of setting the tone with that. Offensively, we have to have some attacks. We are going to have to be able to move the ball and break them down, and take good shots. So, it’s really a pretty basic game-plan when it comes to these early season games.”

The loss dropped Eastern’s record to 1-1 on the season.

Despite losing to IUPUI, the Panthers were able to win the rebounding matchup by a count of 31 to 29, which included eight offensive rebounds for the Panthers. Junior guard Curry McKinney, senior forward Edin Suljic and freshman forward Shaun Pratl led the way for the Panthers in rebounds with four apiece.

Miller said winning the rebounding matchup against Eureka and future Panther opponents will be instrumental in how successful the Panthers are this season.

“We have to do a good job of blocking out and particularly we must pay attention to where we are blocking out,” Miller said. “We want our weak-side block outs to take place outside the paint and we have gotten a little lax in that area sometimes, which we are trying to improve on to get ready for some of the more athletic teams will be facing in the near future.”

In addition to improving their rebounding, Miller said he would like to see the Eastern defense limit its breakdowns against opponents.

“We need to clean up and do a



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Eastern senior guard T. J. Marion prepares to pass the ball during Wednesday’s game against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost 69-66 and play Eureka College at 7 p.m. Saturday.

better job during some of our defensive breakdowns,” Miller said. “I really think that the coverage breakdowns are more of mental things, than anything else so hopefully we can get that cleaned up soon.”

Suljic, who added 11 points in the loss to IUPUI, said every day in practice Miller emphasizes the importance of rebounding and defense to the team.

“(Miller) always tells us to rebound and play defense,” Suljic said. “If we want to play we have to be able to play defense and rebound.”

Sophomore guard Jeremy Granger said in addition to rebounding, the Panthers will need to improve their transition offense.

“One of our strengths right now is getting up and down the court, so as long as we keep communicating on defense and in transition we should be okay,” Granger said.

Eureka is a Division III school out of Eureka. The Red Devils are 1-0 this season with a win against Rockford College Wednesday.

Eastern will play host to Eureka on Saturday with tipoff set for 6 p.m. during Thanksgiving Break the Panthers will travel to face Chicago State 7 p.m. Tuesday, and will host Belmont 6 p.m. next Nov. 28.

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Tennessee State red-shirt senior defensive back Ty’Ron Johnson pushes Eastern sophomore wide receiver Lorence Ricks late in the second quarter of Thursday evening’s 21-10 loss at O’Brien Field. The Panthers finished the regular season 8-3 and 6-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

# Playoffs up in the air

## Panthers wait until Sunday for postseason possibilities

By Collin Whitchurch  
Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo knew Tennessee State had a good defense.

Thursday night, he saw it. The Tigers intercepted Eastern quarterback Jake Christensen three times, forced two fumbles and had two sacks as Tennessee State upset the Panthers 21-10 Thursday at O’Brien Field.

“They handled us,” Spoo said. “We got beat by a superior club tonight. I don’t think there’s any question about that. They beat us good.”

It was clear early on that the Panthers would be locked in a defensive battle as the two squads battled to a scoreless first quarter.

The Panthers (13th in the FCS poll) were finally able to get on the board with 2:23 left in the second quarter on a 20-yard field goal by senior kicker Austin Signor, but that was the extent of the first half scoring.

In the second half, it was all Tigers as sophomore quarterback Calvin McNairl ran for a one-yard touchdown with 3:39 left in the third quarter that was set up

by a blocked field goal.

The Tigers (4-7, 3-4 Ohio Valley Conference) then held the Panthers (8-3, 6-2) to a three-and-out.

They then scored again on a three-yard touchdown pass from McNairl to freshman Ronald Bright more than a minute into the fourth quarter.

The touchdown came after the Tigers fooled the Panthers on a play-action fake for a 75-yard pass that was their longest play of the season.

The Panthers appeared to get momentum back on their side, scoring in just 2:33 on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Christensen to junior wide receiver Charles Graves to cut the lead to 14-10.

But the Tigers answered yet again.

McNairl scrambled for a first down on third and seven and ran again on a quarterback keeper down to the Eastern 20-yard line, setting up their third and final score of the game, a 10-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Donte Thomas to seal the victory.

“On the defensive side of the ball, when we had a chance to make a stop and get the ball back we didn’t do it,” said senior free safety Seymour Loftman, who finished with seven tackles. “When we went down and scored, we were coming back and needed that big stop, we didn’t get it.”

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VIEW



Collin Whitchurch

## Football team can’t control own destiny

They had it in their grasps, and they lost it. The Panthers had every opportunity to secure an outright Ohio Valley Conference Championship. They controlled their own destiny.

The goal was simple: Beat the Tigers. Beat a team on a four-game losing streak. Beat a team whose coach announced his resignation after the game.

Do that, and you can sit back and relax until the playoff positions are announced.

Now the Panthers must sit back – but not in a relaxing fashion.

They’ll sit on the edge of their seats with Jacksonville State Gamecocks’ pennants in their hands. Cheering, hoping, praying the Gamecocks dispose of Eastern Kentucky Saturday.

A loss by the Colonels, and all is virtually forgiven.

The Panthers will waltz their merry way into the playoffs without a second thought. But a Colonels victory gives them the automatic playoff bid, leaving the Panthers on the outside looking in. Again, hoping, praying they get one of the eight at-large bids the NCAA gives out.

“I’m a No. 1 Gamecocks fan right now,” senior free safety Seymour Loftman said. “We’re looking forward to them playing ECU and hopefully knock them out so we can get the outright (championship).”

Loftman said the team doesn’t have any plans to get together and watch the outcome of Saturday’s Eastern Kentucky-Jacksonville State showdown.

He said he might not even pay attention to it and instead catch the score on ESPN later.

But one can rest-assure the Panthers will be eager to find out the outcome of that game.

The OVC doesn’t have a strong history of winning in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, leaving doubt that the selection committee would give them one of the at-large bids.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL WEEKEND PREVIEW

# WNIT consolation pod continues with the Miners

## Tough competition awaits in Arkansas

By Alex McNamee  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern’s women’s basketball team will play in the first game of the Women’s National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) consolation bracket today against Texas-El Paso at 5 p.m.

in Little Rock, Ark.

The UTEP Miners (0-1) lost in the first round of the WNIT to Florida Gulf Coast, 66-54, while Eastern (0-1) lost its first round game 91-68 to No. 3 Ohio State.

The Miners were out-disciplined in the first round despite being a team that can make anyone play fast, according to Eastern head coach Brady Sallee.

“There’s no way for us to match

their athleticism, and the only way to counteract that is to be disciplined and be where you’re supposed to be defensively and execute offensively and then you’ve got a chance to play against athletes like they have,” Sallee said.

One of the Miners’ athletes is 5-foot-3, senior guard Jareica Hughes, who led her team with 12 points in the Florida Gulf Coast game.

Senior guard Dominique Sims said

the Panthers will have to pay close attention to the dribble gaps when trying to guard Hughes.

“If she penetrates to the right or left we have to be in help side and we have to get help, if it’s a ball screen, from our post players,” Sims said. “We just have to stay in the gaps and make her penetrate and dish more than penetrating and taking it to the rim.”

Hughes committed six of her

team’s 24 turnovers in their first round game — a flaw that Eastern plans to expose with good fundamental defense.

“We just have to play the solid defense that we’ve been playing for the past couple years and do the fundamental, good technique things, and keep them out of the middle and rebound — which is huge,” senior guard Ashley Thomas said.

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Women’s basketball  
Today vs. Texas-El Paso (WNIT)  
5 p.m. – Little Rock, Ark.

M&W swimming  
Today at St. Louis  
6 p.m. – St. Louis

Men’s basketball  
Saturday vs. Eureka  
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